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## Better than money

# Chocolate-coated ingot matches inflation rate

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Dismissing conventional coinage and even gold bullion the *Financial Times*, Britain's sober business daily, has suggested a better form of currency: The Mars bar.

"The chocolate-coated ingot," as the paper dubbed the American candy bar, has been of consistent quality and size for four decades and its price has almost exactly matched the rate of inflation, increasing by 1,800 percent since 1940.

That is how the theory works: A small sedan car cost 160 pounds (now worth \$312) in 1940 and would set you back 2,901 pounds (\$5,655) today.

But if those prices are converted into the number of Mars bars you could have bought, the price of a car hasn't changed much — 19,200 Mars bars in 1940 and 19,333 today. Thus the car is still a comparatively good value.

But some things have increased disproportionately and sell for inflated Mars bar prices, said the *Financial Times*, required reading for bowler-batted gents in the city of London, the capital's financial quarter.

Dining on roast beef at Simpson in the Strand has risen from "MB24 to MB39" and a Rolls-Royce, which cost the equivalent of 200,000 Mars bars in 1940, today costs a discouraging MB347,000.

On the other hand, tobacco is cheaper. The cost of sending a son to Harrow, the exclusive secondary school and alma mater of prime ministers, is just MB21,200 compared with MB25,930 in 1940.

A Mars bar cost 2 old pennies 1940 — .83 pence in the decimalized currency system Britain has had since 1971 — and sells for 15 pence today.

## OAPEC opposes cheap petrol

KUWAIT, Dec. 2 (R) — Cheap, subsidized gasoline should be phased out in the Arab oil states and drivers made to pay world prices, the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said Wednesday.

## Argentine bomb due next year

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AFP) — Argentina will have its own atom bomb late next year making it Latin America's leading nuclear power, the British weekly *New Scientist* said Wednesday.

The weekly also reported that Argentina had built a secret nuclear reprocessing plant near Buenos Aires airport but gave no details on its sources of information.

Americans believed Argentina had already run tests of a rocket with an atom-bomb launching capacity, the paper said, adding that the country's foreign minister had said that although Argentina was capable of producing nuclear arms, it would not do so.

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**FRIENDS MEET:** Two youngsters suffering from the rare aging disease Progeria met recently for the first time in Buena Park, California at the Knotts Berry Farm amusement park. Here eight-year-old Fransie Geringer, left, from South Africa examines nine-year-old Texan Mickey Hays movie camera.

## No longer an oddity or alone

# Fransie, Mickey feel happy

ANAHEIM, Calif. Dec. 2 (LAT) One from a faraway land, the other from a less distant place, two little boys arrived here Sunday with much in common. Yet, when 8-year-old Fransie Geringer, of Orkney, South Africa, met Mickey Hays, 9, of Hallsville, Texas, Sunday night it was the first time either has felt he is not an oddity, alone in the world.

Both boys look like old men. Their heads are bald, their veins protrude, their skin is wrinkled. Fransie and Mickey, shrunken and aged beyond their years, suffer from Progeria, a rare disease that makes its victims grow old, physically, up to 10 times faster than normal.

Researchers say only one child in 8 million is afflicted by Progeria. Victims die of old age, usually from a heart attack or stroke, by their teens.

For Fransie, the visit to Anaheim will fulfill a lifelong dream to meet Pinocchio when he and Mickey went to Disneyland Wednesday. His trip is being sponsored by the Sunshine Foundation, an organization that grants the last wishes of dying children.

Workers at the Sunshine Foundation in Philadelphia became aware of Fransie's wish through a widely published newspaper story about the youngster's condition. In the small town of Hallsville, Mickey spotted the same story and picture and reportedly grew excited at seeing what appeared to be his mirror image. Another newspaper story followed, and contributions for Mickey's journey came pouring in, said Terrie Matheny, a reporter for the Longview, Texas, *Daily News*, more than 30 people throughout Texas contributed more than \$2,000 for Mickey's trip, she said.

Mickey's family declined requests for interviews at the hotel Sunday saying the little boy was excited — he even brought gifts of Texan souvenirs for his new friend — but tired from his long journey. Tom McKeown of the Sunshine Foundation, said Mickey has been a bit overwhelmed by all the media attention, and medical authorities have cautioned against too much excitement, McKeown said.

Fransie arrived later Sunday. McKeown said usually Foundation-sponsored trips are "very low key" out of concern for the ill youngsters' conditions. Further, he said, Fransie and Mickey are sensitive about their appearance. On the other hand, he said, the publicity has shown the boys that people are kind and sympathetic.

"The way this has blossomed, this should be good for the children," he said.

## Voting bells disrupt royal banquet

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — A banquet for Prince Charles and Princess Diana given by the speaker of the House of Commons was ruined Tuesday night when senior politicians attending it were summoned unexpectedly by clanging bells to vote in the middle of the meal.

Division bells signalling that a vote was about to take place in the Commons began ringing, creating what the *London Times* described as "general consternation" at the banquet.

The sumptuous meal was being held a short distance from the Commons in the speaker's house, official residence of Speaker George Thomas. Electric bells ring throughout the palace of Westminster whenever a vote is about to take place in the Commons to warn lawmakers in the area but outside the chamber to hurry back to their places.

The *Times* reported that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was sitting next to the 33-year-old heir to the British throne and his 20-year-old wife, "was not amused" and that Thomas apologized to the royal couple.

The summons to vote came from member of Parliament Tam Dalyell, of the opposition Labor Party.

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# Poland's forces storm academy

WARSAW, Dec. 2 (R) — Paramilitary police, backed by army units, stormed a firemen's officer training academy in Warsaw Wednesday to end an eight-day-old occupation by some 340 striking cadets. The official news agency PAP said there were no casualties in the 90-minute operation, staged before several thousand onlookers who jeered and whistled as the security men went in.

Reacting to the swoop, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa ordered regional committees to go on "maximum alert."

The police swooped on the academy from two huge helicopters and stormed the compound, smashing through the main gates and jumping over a fence in a swift attack. Onlookers said the cadets did not resist.

Wednesday's action was the first assault of its kind against strikers since the 1980 summer revolt in which Poland's Communist rulers pledged to resolve disputes through peaceful means.

At a press conference this afternoon in the headquarters of Solidarity's Warsaw branch, spokesmen for the cadets estimated that between 3,000 and 6,000 militiamen took part in the evacuation.

A majority of cadets, along with teachers, had been on strike since Nov. 24 to protest a government bill under which the college would cease to be jointly administered by the higher education and interior ministries and would instead be the sole responsibility of the interior ministry.

The cadets wanted their school demilitarized, removed from interior ministry control and given civilian status under a new liberal statute for which the majority of university students are currently on strike.



"Comrade, be prepared to stomp the comrade."

The academy strike appeared Tuesday night to be developing into another public spectacle. Trams blocked the main street nearby and thousands gathered to declare support.

For the authorities, it was a serious challenge to the military-defense establishment where successive attempts to set up Solidarity-linked unions have been resisted. PAP said the interior ministry ordered the attack on the academy, a large three-story complex in the north Warsaw suburb of Zoliborz.

Some of the cadets were driven off afterwards in buses to Warsaw's railway station. But they made the drivers take them instead to Warsaw's Solidarity headquarters.

## Sultan hails Pakistani forces

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Defense Minister Prince Sultan hailed the Pakistani armed forces and the increasing cooperation between them and the Kingdom in the service of Islam.

Prince Sultan was speaking at a luncheon party given in his honor by the General Manager of Ordinance factories Gen. Talat Masoud and attended by senior officers and officials. He said that this cooperation extended to other fields along the road of pure spiritual rapport in service to their common religion. He praised the leadership of President Zia ul Haq which he said has led the country along a nationalistic course and adopted a forthright and honest policy derived from Islam in principle and ideology.

Prince Sultan was impressed, he said, by the highly skilled personnel he had seen at the ordinance factories he had visited earlier in the day, 30 kilometers outside the capital.

"These skilled men are a treasure for the country and the Arab and Islamic nations and a bulwark in the defense of Islam," he said. "They will be instrumental in regaining lost Arab and Islamic rights."

Gen. Masoud said the factories, which had been visited by King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, maintained a steady cooperation with the Kharij factories in the Kingdom.

## Abdullah leaves for Switzerland

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, the second deputy premier and commander of National Guard, left here Wednesday for Geneva to undergo a routine medical check-up in Switzerland.

Prince Abdullah, was seen off on departure by Deputy Commander of the National Guard Prince Badr, Governor of Riyadh, Prince Salman, Governor of Qassim Prince Abdul Illah and high ranking military and civilian officials.

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# Official steps completed to group electricity firms

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — The government has completed procedures to amalgamate electricity companies operating in the Eastern, Western, Central and Southern Regions. Dr. Ghazi Alghosaibi, minister of industry and electricity, said Wednesday that the move is in accordance with instructions from King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd, and is a necessary step to improve and expand the services to meet the increasing requirements of the country.

The individual companies, which have been supplying power, couldn't keep pace with the demand, Alghosaibi said. He added that no country in the world leaves such an important sector in the hands of individuals. By amalgamating these companies the government also has been generous with the investors and shareholders by allowing them three new shares for each former share with a guaranteed income amounting to 45 percent a year. This is unmatched generosity since the capital of the shareholders was raised three times at one stroke, Alghosaibi said.

In due course the government will give up part of its capital to public subscription in order to increase the number of shareholders and to allow more people to benefit, he added.

The first of the consolidated companies to emerge was the Eastern Province Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO), which combined 26 private power companies with the Arabian-American Oil Company's power facilities. It was established with a capital of SR5 billion.

The Central Region Consolidated Electric-

ity Company amalgamates 36 power companies with the state's power projects in Kharij and Qasim. The company, which took effect in November, 1980, also was funded with SR5 billion. The Southern Region Consolidated Electricity Company also was formed last year with a capital of SR4 billion.

The General Electricity Corporations budget for 1980 amounted to SR3.83 billion, a 36 percent increase over the previous year. Twenty projects went into operation in the 1979-80 fiscal year and included four projects in Asir, Baha, Kharij and Jizan.

Additionally, the electricity supply system in the Central Region is to be modernized at an estimated cost of £15 million. The move is an extension of a £10 million program that has increased the generating capacity in Riyadh from 400 to 1,000 megawatts in the last four years. The project is between SCECO and British Electricity International Ltd., and work will be carried out by the North West Electricity Board.

Work involves coordinating Riyadh Electricity Company with 38 others in the Central Region. Some of the stations have separate generating capacity and transmission systems, which will be integrated to a standard system. Primary substations, distribution substations and cable laying are involved, and moves are toward underground rather than overhead cables.

The Western Region Consolidated Electricity Company has signed an agreement with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund under which it assumed responsibility of loan commitments granted by the Fund to the private and public companies it combined.



DECORATED: Health Minister Dr. Husein Al-Jazzeri was decorated with the "medal of brilliant star with grand cord" during his visit to the Republic of China last week. Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Fu-Sung conferred it.

# Chinese envoy signs accord to continue oil deal

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (CNA) — Chinese Ambassador to the Kingdom Hsueh Yu-chi Tuesday signed an agreement with the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources under which the Saudi government will continue to sell 50,000 barrels of crude oil per day to the Chinese government in 1982.

The direct sale agreement provides that Petromin, the petroleum and mineral resources company, will supply China Petroleum Corp. with a total of 18,250,000 barrels of crude in 1982. This includes 7,665,000 barrels of Arabia light, 1,460,000 barrels of Berri crude, 3,650,000 barrels of Arabia medium, and 5,475,000 barrels of Arabian heavy.

The government-to-government sale between the two countries began in 1973 with an amount of 10,000 barrels per day. The amount was doubled in 1974 and was further increased to 50,000 barrels per day in 1980 following a visit to the Kingdom by Chinese Premier Y.S. Sun in 1979.

Ambassador Hsueh stressed the significance of the sale, saying this is a manifestation of the friendly ties between the two countries.

He said his government appreciates the Kingdom's assistance and will in turn do its utmost to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in its development programs.

# Scholarships produce good results -- study

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Kingdom's scholarship policy for sending nationals abroad for study has begun bearing fruits in addition to easing the pressure on Saudi Arabian universities, according to official reports released Wednesday.

The reports said that every year nationals are returning to the homeland to assume their responsibilities in pushing forward the economic and social development wheel, side by side with graduates of the Kingdom's universities.

Students studying at the university level form the majority of Saudi Arabians schooling abroad. Those preparing for masters and doctorate degrees do not exceed 20 percent of the total, according to the reports.

The statistics are the contents of a book issued by the Higher Education Ministry's directorate, general of higher studies development. The book said that the Kingdom is engaged in a unique pioneering experience in the social and economic development.

Consequently, the large scale development and programs in every field prompted the need for additional skilled manpower. The Kingdom had to depend on foreign qualified personnel from Arab and other countries to meet the requirements of its immense and fast-paced development, the book said.

Meanwhile, the country has adopted a policy that would ensure the training of nationals to replace the foreign personnel. The book said that this trend depended on two pillars. One was expanding existing universities to accommodate more students, in addition to opening new ones. Now, there are seven universities and several girls faculties across the Kingdom.

The second section dealt with sending distinguished students abroad for higher studies and increasing the number of qualified graduates needed for the Kingdom's development programs, the book said.

It added that the number of students studying abroad is linked in a certain way to the opening of new fields for higher studies inside the Kingdom through expansion of existing universities or building new ones. It also indicated a connection between the increase or decrease in a certain field of specialization and the Kingdom's needs of qualified personnel in that field.

The statistical book also contained comparisons between the number of Saudi students abroad during the years 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78.

During the 1977-78 academic year, there

were 9,096 natives studying abroad. Of these, 8,216 were male students while 880 were female. Students of both sexes preparing for bachelors degree numbered 6,618, while 542 were studying at pre-university stages, 22 learning to attain higher diploma, 1,129 for masters degrees, 739 for doctorate degrees, 43 for fellowship and three persons in other studies.

In the previous year, the total number of Saudi Arabian students abroad stood at 8,137. Those preparing for bachelors degrees numbered 5,732, higher diplomas 14, masters degree 721, doctorate 160 and fellowship 34. During the 1975-76 academic year, 8,280 students were studying abroad including 6,000 on bachelors degrees.

The book stated that the figures included students on official missions sent by ministries and other government departments.

# Taif plans tree planting week

TAIF, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Taif Municipality is organizing a tree planting week in cooperation with the Western Region Education Directorate General. The event, scheduled to begin Dec. 19, is part of a public awareness program implemented by the municipality.

About 4,000 students, assisted by the municipality's agricultural department, will plant approximately 20,000 saplings at 30 public gardens in the resort city.

Meanwhile, Eastern Province Education Director General Dr. Said Atiyah Abuali chaired a meeting of the tree planting week committee. The week, organized by the Agriculture and Water Ministry in cooperation with other government departments in the province, begins Dec. 30.

Abuali explained the objectives of the week preparations and requirements to make it successful. About 6,000 trees will be planted during the week in various parts of the province. The director general added that 115 schools will also be planted. The education directorate has allocated between SR30,000 and SR40,000 as expenses for the project, he added.

The committee, in which all government departments concerned with the tree week are represented, has discussed the preparations including efforts of municipalities, Presidency of Youth Welfare, the National Guard, police departments and the Water and Sewage Department.

# BRIEFS

RIYADH, (SPA) — King Khaled congratulated United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan Wednesday on his country's national day anniversary. He wished the president good health and happiness, and further progress and prosperity to the UAE people.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Islamic banking between theory and implementation will be the subject of a thesis for a doctorate degree presented by Sheikh Abdullah ibn Muhammad ibn Ahmad Al-Tayyar. The thesis will be discussed Monday at the Higher Judiciary Institute by a committee headed by Sheikh Mana Khalil Al-Qahtan, the institute's director.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The Western Region Post Department will be banded over its building which cost SR240 million in the next six months, according to officials Wednesday. The new structure, equipped with modern technology devices, accommodates a vocational training institute and the secondary postal institute in addition to 10,050 mail boxes.

DHAHRAN, (SPA) — Hassan Zaheer, chairman of the Pakistan government rail-

ways, visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals here Wednesday. He inspected UPM's departments and was briefed on its programs. The Pakistani officials also visited Jubail city and toured the Royal Commission for Jubail Yanbu's industrial projects. He had arrived here Monday on a few-days visit to the Eastern Province as part of his tour of the Kingdom.

DAMMAM, (SPA) — Officials of the Eastern Province Chamber of Commerce and Industry met with a Philippine trade and industry mission Wednesday. The Filipino delegation represents a wide range of specialized industries. The meeting, also attended by businessmen in the region, discussed imports and trade and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Dr. Abdul Wabbab Attar, governor of the vocational training and technical education general organization, visited various training centers and institutes here Wednesday. He inspected progress of programs and training including classes of Saudi Arabian instructors who began giving training lesson after completing courses in the United States.

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# Arabsat launching pact signed

By a Staff Writer

RIYADH, Dec. 2 — A contract for launching an Arab satellite into orbit 1984 was signed here Wednesday at a cost of \$23 million.

The agreement was signed by Ali Al-Masbat, director general of the Arab space telecommunications authority, and Frederick Dalist, head of Ariane (the European rocket organization) which will carry out the launching. France's Aerospaciale had won the contract to make the satellite at a cost of \$134 million. The contract was signed last May by Masbat and the company's Chairman Jac-

ques Mitterand who visited the country for the purpose.

Both signing ceremonies were attended by the Minister of Posts, Telegraph and Telephone Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal who represented Saudi Arabia, the largest contributor to the scheme.

The project comprises three satellites with 26 channels each to provide 8,000 telephone circuits, seven television channels and one joint television channel.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Kayyal said that the project will be beneficial in the transmission of television programs, telephone calls, telex and telegraph services. "That is why the Kingdom has

decided to support it," he said. Twenty one other Arab states are taking part in the project. Its headquarters will be in the Kingdom.

Dr. Masbat said the authority has selected a suitable orbit to ensure maximum efficiency in the transmission of television programs to outlying areas in the Arab world which are not at present covered by their national services.

At the signing ceremony last May, Kayyal described the project as an "economic development" and said it will link the Arab states culturally, socially, educationally and in the health field as well.

# Arab ministers open conference

ALGIERS, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Arab housing ministers' conference which opened here Wednesday has approved Public Works and Housing Minister Prince Miteh's proposal outlining Algerian Housing Minister Ahmad Al-Ghazali to chair the conference.

Iraqi and Tunisian ministers were elected vice-presidents, while Bahrain's head of delegation was chosen as the rapporteur. The Algerian minister addressed the conference and conveyed his country's gratitude for the Arab relief aid when an earthquake destroyed the town of Asom last year.

Three committees were formed to pursue topics of the agenda.

# City officials debate municipality budget

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Higher Coordination Committee of Jeddah Municipality held a meeting here Wednesday under Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi.

The meeting was attended by officials of the municipality, some professors from King Abdul Aziz University, members of the committee and representatives of companies operating in Jeddah. The subject of discussions was the municipality's current and future budgets.

# 130,000 business permits issued

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The Ministry of Commerce has issued over 130,000 commercial registrations allowing their beneficiaries to set up trading companies and business of various sorts, according to Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamil, deputy minister Wednesday.

Dr. Zamil said that the ministry has acquired a computer to store the data on these companies and will start operating it within four months.

A new system governing law practise in the country will be issued soon, he said. It was prepared by a team of Saudi Arabian lawyers.

New regulations will be issued organizing the work of Saudi Arabian chartered

# Jameel appoints Japanese chief

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — Abdul Latif Jameel have appointed Akio Houru general manager of their Toshiba division in the Kingdom, it was announced here Wednesday.

Akio an experienced executive had spent two years as Akai manager in France, Canada, the Philippines, Australia, Denmark and U.K. He was later appointed general manager for sales in Europe and the Middle East.

Akio said he accepted the job here as a challenge to give Toshiba its right place in the Saudi Arabian market which it had not enjoyed in the past. He said he firmly believes that the alliance between Toshiba and Abdul Latif Jameel will result into a large and prosperous company.

Meanwhile, Faisal Abu Shushah has been appointed general manager of the computer division by Muhammad Abdul

# Bahrain desalt delegates visit Jubail station

JUBAIL, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Jubail industrial city received Wednesday delegates of the international conference on saline water conversion which opened in Bahrain Monday. The group was welcomed by Saline Water Conversion Corporation (SWCC) Governor Abdullah Al-Fleqah.

The delegation had come to inspect the Jubail desalination plant, one of the largest in the Kingdom. Isam Jamjoum, vice-governor of SWCC, briefed the group before they saw a film on the construction of the plant.

The delegation first visited phase I of the plant which produces 30 million gallons of fresh water per day in addition to 90 megawatt of electricity. Then they proceeded to the phase II which will increase the plant's production 10-fold to 310 million gallons and 900 megawatts. The plant will supply part of its production to Riyadh, more than 500 kilometers away.

The delegates also inspected the water pipelines which will carry the plant's production to the capital.

# Inflation kept at 1 percent during 1981 third quarter

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Living costs in the five major cities of the Kingdom increased only by one percent during the third quarter of 1981, in comparison to the second quarter, according to official statistics released Wednesday.

The Finance and National Economy Ministry's General statistics department said in its statement that the slight inflation increase a good indication of the economic stability and firmness of prices in the Kingdom.

The department said that the survey covered Saudi Arabian nationals and foreign-

ners residing in the five cities. The rise represents a 2.7 percent hike compared to the same period of last year, it said.

The rise in the prices of fresh and dry vegetables was blamed for the increase of the cost of living. Vegetable prices had gone up by 21 percent during that period because of the vegetable drop in imports coming through Jordan during that period.

The statistics department said that the rise in the cost of living becomes insignificant when compared to inflation rates for the same period in other countries.

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# Education deans to hold meeting

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — The deans of education colleges in the Gulf states will start meeting Saturday under the auspices of the Arab Gulf Education Bureau in order to promote coordination among them.

Thirteen deans representing their colleges will discuss problems facing them to come out with recommendations which would realize the desired coordination according to the bureau sources Wednesday.

The deans have already visited education colleges in Riyadh and Iraq as part of their studies of the capabilities of educational colleges in the region. They also seek to exchange ideas with their principals which could be made use of in the final study.

# Scholarships okayed

RIYADH, Dec. 2 (SPA) — Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh approved a plan to send 21 of the ministry's employees on scholarships to the United States and Europe. The employees will prepare for masters' degrees. It is part of the ministry policy which aims at improving the qualifications of its employees.

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# Begin's aides rush home to save cabinet

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (R) — The Israeli government was Wednesday expected to narrowly survive opposition no-confidence motions over a new strategic cooperation accord with the United States.

Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, who signed the pact in Washington two days ago, flew home early Wednesday. He said the agreement was a milestone in U.S.-Israeli relations and would play a significant role in curtailing any Soviet expansion in the Middle East. But opposition Labor leaders said the accord did not add to Israel's security while possibly exposing Israel as a Soviet target in any confrontation between the super powers.

The Labor Party and three small opposition parties, including the Communists, presented no-confidence motions in the Knesset (parliament) Wednesday over the accord. Cabinet ministers and other coalition parliamentarians rushed home from abroad to ensure victory for the government of Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

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Opposition factions said Israel had won nothing new, but might find its armed forces involved in fighting not directly related to the security of the country. Some deputies feared that the reference to the Soviets might induce the Kremlin to clamp down altogether on Jewish emigration.

Meanwhile, the cabinet was to meet in special session Thursday to decide on conditions Israel wants for European participation in the multinational force being set up to patrol Sinai when the territory is returned to Egypt in April, an official source said. The cabinet was to approve the final version of a document first worked out in Washington by Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir last Friday, but amended by Begin and returned to the Americans.

Informed sources said that Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands would be allowed to join the force without formally refusing support of Palestine Liberation Organization involvement in Mideast peace talks.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass Tuesday called the new U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement a sinister alliance directed against Arab states.

"The sinister character of the new aggressive military strategic alliance is obvious," Tass said in a commentary. The agreement would encourage Israel to perpetuate the occupation of Arab territory seized in the 1967 Middle East war and also lead to new Israeli air and land attacks on neighboring states, it said.

At the same time, Washington saw the accord as an opportunity to expand its military presence in the Middle East and step up attempts to dominate the entire region, the agency added. The new accord was signed in Washington Monday by U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon.

"It is spearheaded primarily against the Arab countries," Tass said.

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## Afghan 'copters hit Pakistani buses; 5 killed

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 2 (R) — Two Afghan helicopter gunships attacked two buses inside Pakistan Wednesday killing five civilians and wounding three others, a foreign ministry statement said.

It said the attack happened south-west of Quetta, capital of Pakistan's Baluchistan province where many Afghan refugees have settled. The casualties were the highest in a series of border violations and attacks reported by Pakistani authorities this year.

After the last reported attack nearly three weeks ago when Afghan helicopters fired machine guns and dropped mines on two refugee camps inside Pakistan, the Pakistani Foreign Ministry warned of serious consequences if the violations continued. Wednesday's statement said that after attacking the two buses, the gunships fired rockets at a Pakistani border post. They returned to their side of the frontier when Pakistani troops opened fire.

## Palestine flag at U.N. sparks Israeli anger

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 2 (AP) — The display of Palestine flag at U.N. headquarters has aroused Arab-Israeli passions and prompted embarrassed U.N. officials to defend its removal.

Rudolf Stajduhar, a U.N. spokesman, said Tuesday that the display had been improper since only flags of the 157 U.N. member states are allowed to be shown at the United Nations. Zehdi Labib Terzi, U.N. observer of the Palestine Liberation Organization, said that showing the red, black and green flag was appropriate since the United Nations had been marking the international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people when the colors were unfurled Monday.

Terzi had barred U.N. security guards from removing the flag Monday, shouting: "over my dead body." The Palestinian observer said he guarded the flag for four hours because "when I see someone wants to pull it down, I am there."

The flag was pinned up as a backdrop while an Arab-speaking member of the U.N. department of public information interviewed Arab ambassadors for a television spot to be distributed to Arab countries. Also on display was a 1947 map of the old Palestine mandate that existed before the creation of Israel in 1948.

After the prolonged standoff, Terzi finally relented to having the flag and map moved from a public corridor, into the trusteeship Council chamber where the solidarity day observances were being held.

## As Syrians demonstrate Habib confers with Assad

DAMASCUS, Dec. 2 (AP) — U.S. presidential envoy Philip Habib met with Syrian President Hafez Assad Wednesday despite the anger Syria displayed over the strategic defense agreement the United States recently concluded with Israel.

As Habib talked with Assad at the Mohjaeren presidential palace, hundreds of thousands of irate Syrians demonstrated through the streets of Damascus denouncing a car-bomb blast that killed nearly 100 Syrians Sunday. Assad's government blamed the bombing on the underground Muslim Brotherhood, a fundamentalist movement which has been waging a campaign of bombings and assassinations in the last two years.

Speakers at Wednesday's demonstration, which was authorized by the government, condemned the Brotherhood as an "agent of Israel" while the security department at the interior ministry issued a communique that

identified the driver of the booby-trapped car.

The communique said the driver, who died in the blast, was Muhammad Sayej, a 19-year-old Damascus resident who worked briefly as a vegetable peddler before he was recruited by the Brotherhood four years ago and trained in terrorist activity at a "camp outside Syria." The communique did not say where the alleged training camp was.

The communique said the establishment of Sayej's identity helped security forces round up all other "ring members connected with him."

The communique said Sayej's Japanese-made white Honda mini-truck contained 300 kg. of TNT explosives that destroyed at least four four-story apartment buildings and wrecked scores of cars and buses in the busy and densely populated Azbakah neighborhood.

## Gaza residents begin two-day general strike

GAZA, Dec. 2 (AP) — Gaza residents began a two-day general strike Wednesday to protest taxation and Israel's new civilian administration in the territory.

Gaza Mayor Rashid A-Shawa said the strike aimed to express Gaza's "hatred of the Israeli occupation" and their demand for statehood. It was the first general strike here in several years. Merchants, dentists and lawyers stayed away from work, students boycotted classes and Gaza's doctors accepted emergency cases only, A-Shawa said in a telephone interview.

Gaza sources said soldiers forced shops in the market and main street to open, but most

other businesses stayed closed. A-Shawa said the Gazans were against the civilian authority introduced Tuesday to replace the army in handling non-military affairs involving Gaza's nearly 500,000 residents. A similar administration has been running the occupied West Bank for a month.

"The civilian administration has no substance, means nothing, and is designed to fool the world at large and Israeli public opinion," A-Shawa charged. He said the strike also was against Israel's attempt to levy a 12-percent value added tax (VAT) from businessmen and professionals on every transaction they make.

## Begin aides accused of misusing funds

TEL AVIV, Dec. 2 (AP) — A Tel Aviv newspaper Wednesday accused politicians in Prime Minister Menahem Begin's government of misusing funds donated by a West German political party.

Yedioth Ahronoth quoted unidentified officials in the Liberal Party, a faction of Begin's Likud bloc, as charging that funds from a Christian Democratic Party foundation were spent on "wasteful weekends at fancy hotels" and expensive trips abroad by politicians and their families to attend symposiums.

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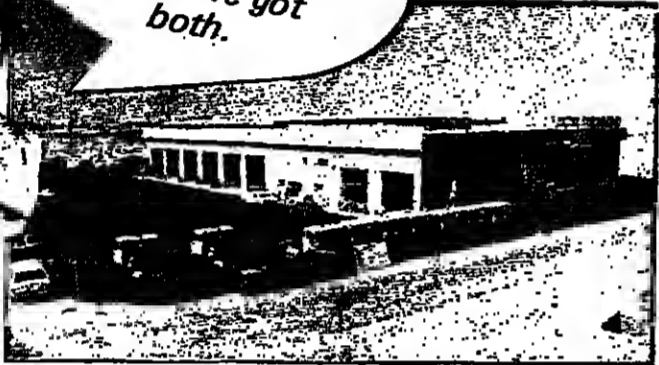
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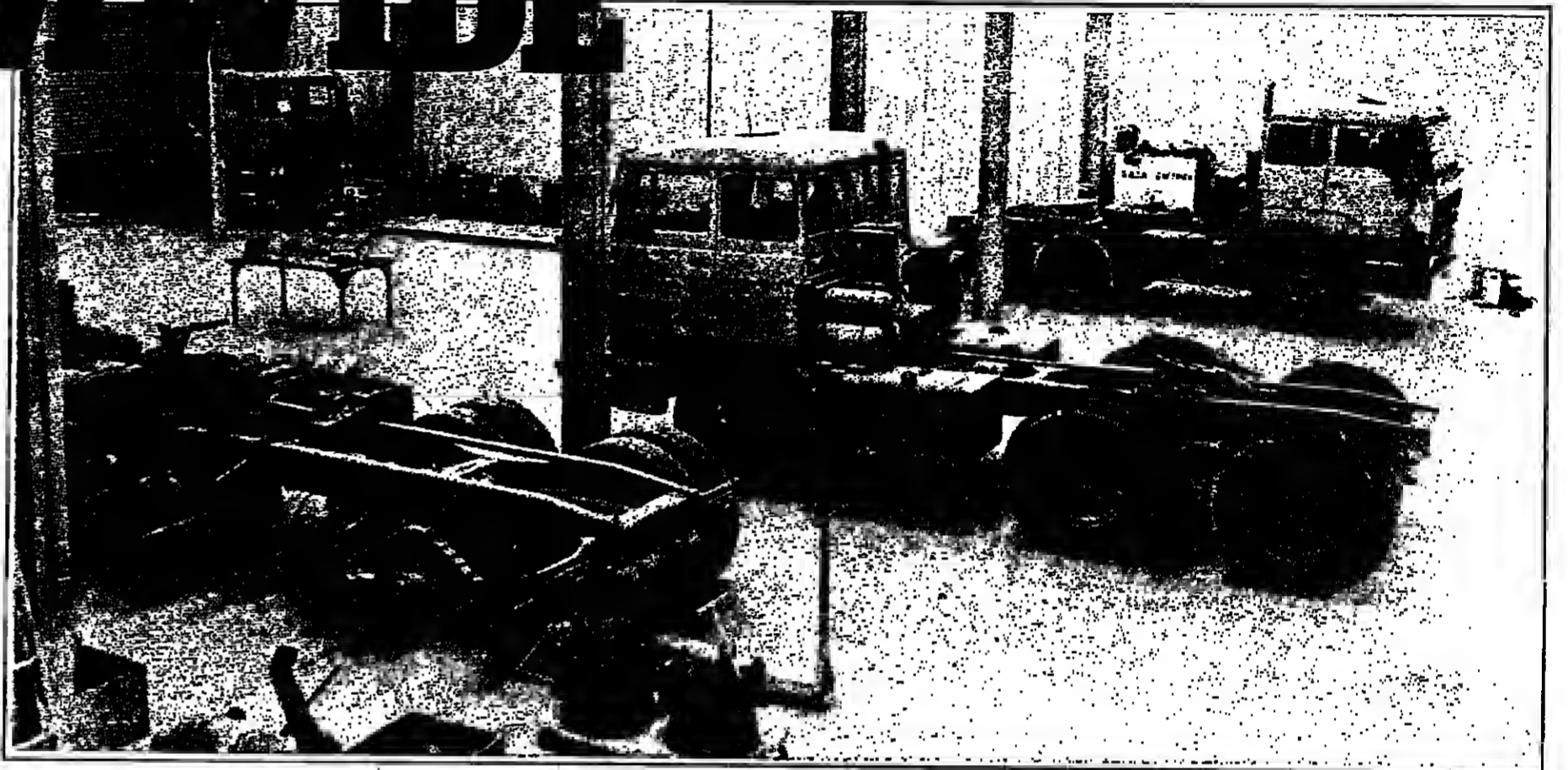
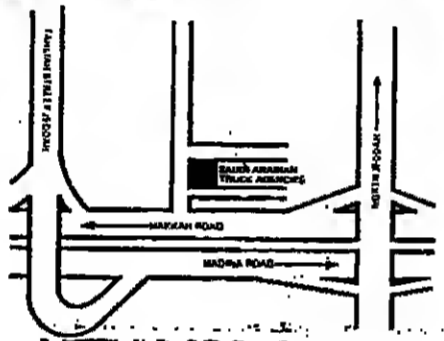


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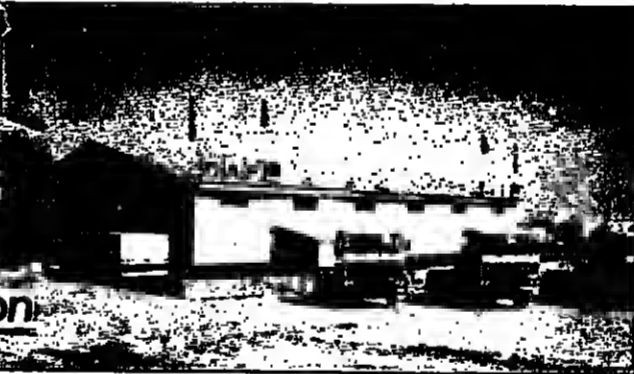
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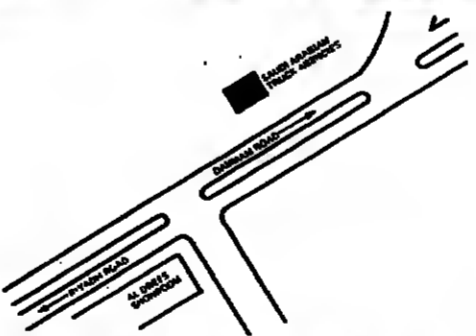
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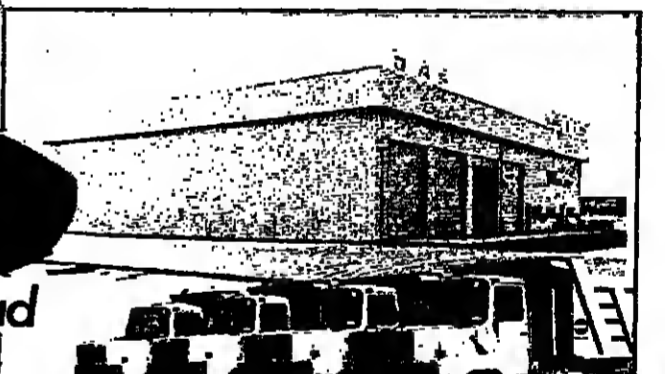
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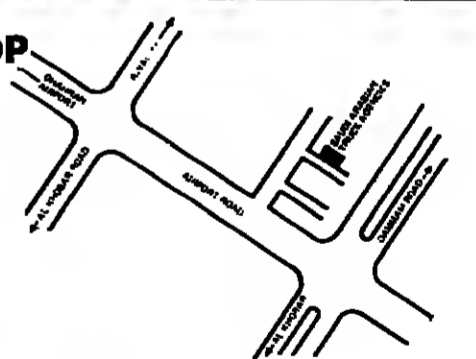
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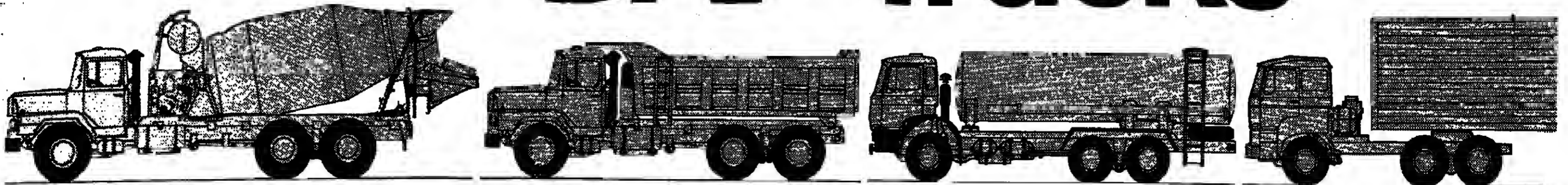


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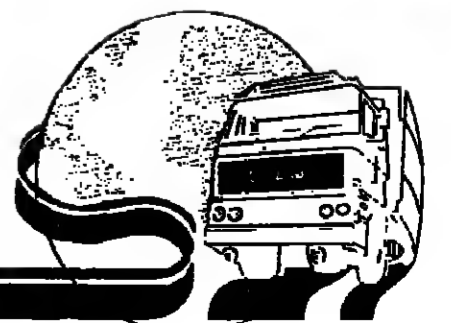


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# King Faisal Foundation assists Texas cancer research program

By Jeannette Garrett  
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — Almost 50 percent of the cancer recorded yearly at the King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh is a type called lymphoma which attacks the body's immune mechanism located in the lymphatic system. Given that statistic, when the King Faisal Foundation awarded the University of Texas System Cancer Center \$219,000 to study cancer, lymphoma was the natural target.

Under a two-year pilot program, researchers at the university's M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston are using newly developed techniques to help them better diagnose a disease which has a high rate of incidence in the United States, but an even higher rate in Saudi Arabia. In two laboratories on the hospital's third floor, Dr. Richard J. Ford and three other researchers are growing tumor cells in tissue culture conditions. The tissue is obtained from patients with lymphoma who have either undergone a biopsy for diagnostic purposes or who have undergone surgery to remove a malignant tumor.

Once they've succeeded in getting the tumor cells to grow in tissue culture conditions, Ford and his colleagues will try to characterize how the tumor tissue is similar to or different from normal lymphocytes, the cells that make up the lymphatic system. Part of the problem with this type of

research in the past is that once the tumor cells were taken out of the patient and put into tissue culture conditions they just simply died out, usually within a week," says Ford.

The pilot program, which got underway in October, is designed to address several different aspects of lymphoma. Cytogenetics, for instance, deals with the fact that the cancer cells themselves are genetic abnormalities that can be observed at the chromosome level. Ford's team is studying the chromosomes from lymphoma cells to see whether or not the abnormalities are present in every case, and if not, exactly when they change in the different types of human lymphomas.

An even newer area of research, and one which Ford hopes will allow doctors to identify lymphoma cells from normal lymphoid cells is monoclonal antibodies, a type of reagent that allows one to look at cells, surface proteins or antigens. Lymphoma cells can sometimes resemble normal cells, but with monoclonal antibodies identifying very specifically certain antigens that are present on the cells' surface, we can better identify and better diagnose lymphoma," says Ford.

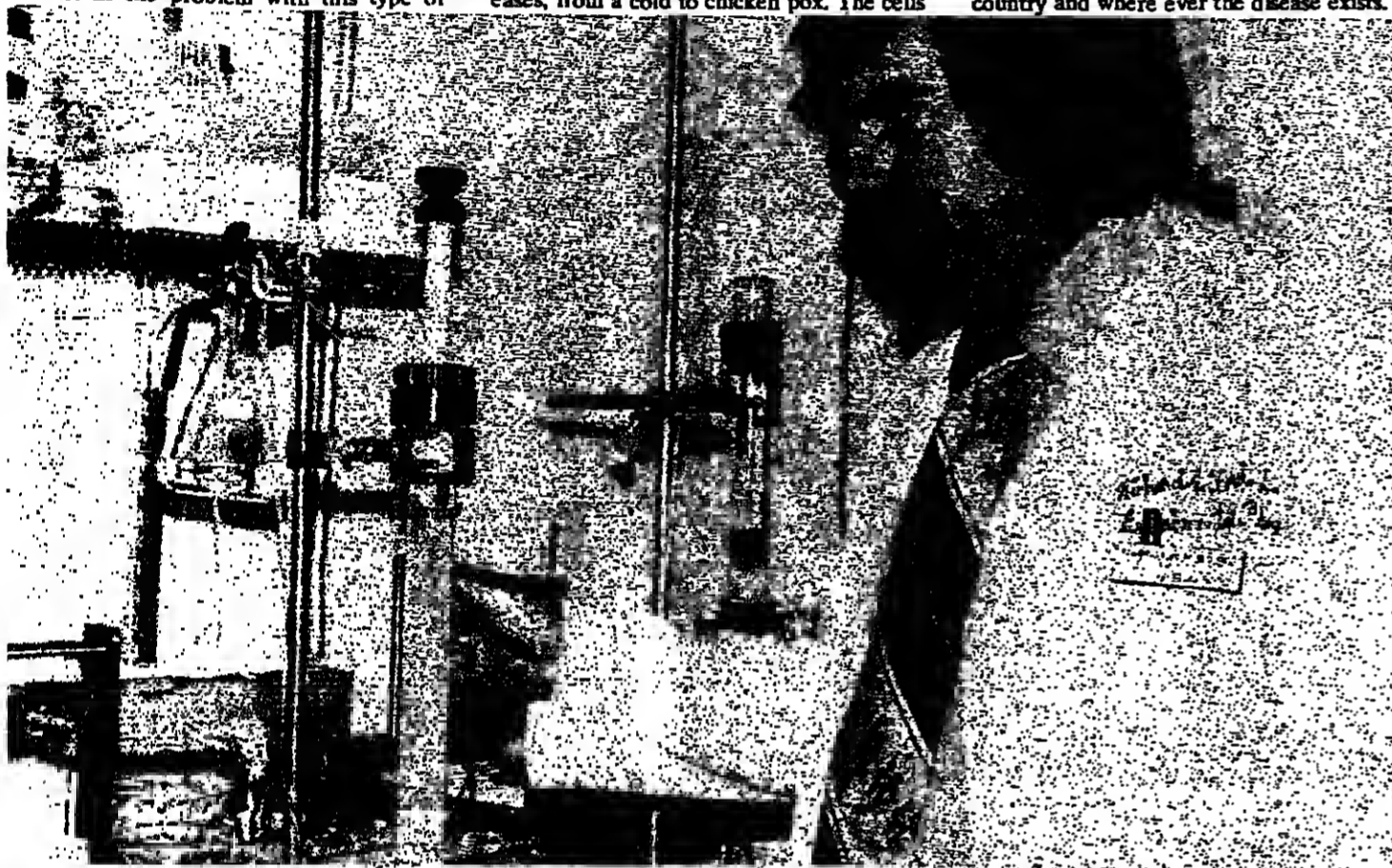
The lymph gland, and the whole lymphatic system, is made up of cells called lymphocytes and macrophage which are responsible primarily for the defense the body has against all types of environmental and infectious diseases, from a cold to chicken pox. The cells

are found not only in the lymph glands, but in the spleen, thymus parts of the intestine and the tonsils.

The first sign of lymphoma is usually a lump in the patient's neck or another part of the body, which is an enlarged lymph node. Not all lumps of this sort turn out to be cancerous, of course. During an infectious disease, the lymph node often enlarges, but returns to its normal size once the illness is over.

The major treatment for lymphoma is chemotherapy, with or without radiation therapy. "It's encouraging to note that malignant lymphoma is one of those types of cancer which have been shown to be responsive in recent years in the various therapeutic modalities," notes Ford. Some types of lymphoma - Hodgkins disease, especially - and even some of the non-Hodgkins lymphomas, are actually being referred to as cured. As short a period as a decade ago they were almost uniformly fatal.

Researchers at hospitals and research institutes are always happy to receive funds of any size, but especially so right now. "Given the tight (U.S.) government research budget, this is allowing us to do work in the field of lymphoma that we wouldn't be able to do without the King Faisal Foundation's help," says Ford. "Hopefully research in this area will not only benefit Saudi Arabians, but also this country and where ever the disease exists."



LAB WORK: Dr. Richard J. Ford, in an M.D. Anderson Hospital laboratory, where he and three other researchers are studying lymphoma cells. Their work is made possible by a \$219,000 grant from the King Faisal Foundation.

## New methods for medical diagnosis could save thousands of children

By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — Medical tests which provide early diagnosis of diseases in premature babies and children have been introduced by scientists working to combat childhood diseases.

Premature babies are being given a better start to life by an instrument developed initially as part of the campaign to detect and combat pollution in water. A scaled-down version of the instrument has been created at University College Hospital in London to perform the same service for the blood of premature babies.

The new device is a tiny tube small enough to be inserted in an artery of a baby weighing under 1.5 kilograms at birth. The importance

of the continuous readings of blood oxygen levels it provides is that premature babies are highly susceptible to respiratory illnesses and have to have their oxygen supply controlled by mechanical ventilators.

Researchers testing children with brain tumors at the University of Southern California Medical School in Los Angeles, have found a definite link between the disease and their parents' professions.

In the quest to establish the suspected connection between the childhood brain tumors and the hazards of workplace chemicals, the study compared 92 children with brain tumors with a group of healthy children, all from the same neighborhood, as well as their parents.

The researchers discovered that parents of children with brain tumors had three to 10 times more exposure to chemicals at work than the parents of healthy children.

While the specific agents of disease in the workplace were not identified, the study showed that a large number of the children with brain tumors had parents who worked in the aircraft industry — 10 fathers of diseased children as opposed to none of the fathers of healthy children. The fathers of diseased children had seven times more exposure to paint fumes and three times more exposure to chemical solvents than the fathers in the control group had. The mothers of children with tumors, it was also found, had three times the exposure to chemicals.



HISTORICAL SITE: Travelers in the Middle East often encounter the remains of old railway stations with locomotives stalled in time as they appeared many decades ago.

## He travels world taking photos; steam trains fascinate lecturer

By Graham Heathcote

LONDON (AP) — Colin Garratt makes a living by travelling the world taking photographs of steam locomotives. A rarity in the developed world, there are so many working steam trains around the world that Garratt says he may never find them all. "I am racing against time and I am losing the race."

Having visited 32 countries on four continents over the past 12 years, Garratt complains: "Well over half the remaining countries are running steam and their locomotives will outlive me."

The 41-year-old Englishman from Loughborough, Leicestershire, said he works 110 hours a week at his self-appointed task.

His travels occupy six months of the year; after that, he earns his livelihood by giving lectures, with color slides, and by writing books — 14 to date, mostly about steam trains. He estimates each slide costs him 85 pence (\$1.62) to acquire.

"Some countries are acutely security-conscious about their railroads," Yugoslavia was absolutely the worst country I have worked in," Garratt said.

"Permanent harassment, questioning and almost everything forbidden. East Germany was also very bad. I tried to go to the Soviet Union four years ago. The embassy in London invited me down warmly for a chat and then told me they haven't got any steam engines. It is true, they've got lots, as well as main-line diesels and electric."

The best country he worked in was India —

"steam engine utopia," he called it. "They take steam seriously there. Railroads pull India together."

Garratt is anxious to get to China. "The Chinese are the only nation in the world still building steam engines. They've got the coal and they believe steam is not an outmoded form of technology if labor is available."

"I believe in steam. I drive a car but whenever possible I go by train. I think they are sensible when the world is rapidly drinking up all its oil, and there's nothing to compare with steam for nostalgia."

"The steam engine is discredited. The developing nations want to see the modern world and have diesels — it's become a worldwide fad. But the Chinese are building first-class steam engines and running very heavy trains with them."

In Britain, which pioneered steam passenger trains in 1825, steam was phased out in the 1960s. State-run British rail occasionally runs a steamer as a curiosity and sells every seat, and enthusiasts operate 60 preserved railways around the country. It is estimated that about 3 million of Britain's 56 million people are railroad hobbyists, most of them attracted to steam.

Garratt, however, is not interested in museum pieces and that's why he was not visited North America. "No working steam left there," he said.

More interesting to him is the 108-year-old locomotive still at work in India and the model aged 109 in Hungary which he hopes to track down.

Garratt spoke of an "amazing discovery" on the tiny Atlantic island of Sao Miguel in the Portuguese Azores.

He went there in search of a railway hauling stone from a quarry. He found the line disused and the job being done by trucks, but under a pile of debris he discovered what is probably the last relic of the 19th-Century battle of the gauges, a British-built locomotive that ran on a track 7 feet (2.13 meters) wide.

Pioneers George and Robert Stephenson ran their trains on a track 4 feet 8 1/2 inches (1.43 meters) wide. Their rival built the Great Western Railway from London to Bristol on a 7-foot (2.13 meters) gauge, so that the trains carried greater loads with great economy.

No other railroad company emulated the Great Western and at the end of the century its broad gauge track was scrapped and trains adopted the Stephenson gauge, which became the British standard.

"I expected to find a 2-foot (0.6 meters) gauge on Sao Miguel but instead there was this fantastic engine," Garratt said. "It must have been sold off cheaply and shipped out there when the island wanted to haul stone to build a harbor. I took pictures of it and there it stays, slowly rotting away."

Garratt left last week for the Philippines island of Negros.

"Beautiful people and a beautiful island, liberally laced with the most exotic locomotives, all American-built," he said. "I've been there once and I can hardly wait to get back."

## Locomotive return could help Africa

By Stephen Taylor

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe, (ONS) — Delicate negotiations are going on between Zimbabwean and South African officials for what amounts to the return by Pretoria of 25 locomotives withdrawn from service here in April — a move which has had a critical effect on Zimbabwe's trade performance.

Although relations between the two neighboring countries remain poor, informed sources believe the outlook for the talks is good and that they should result in the original 25 and an additional nine locomotives being deployed here.

Already two parts of a complex package have been tied up, as a result of which 16 locomotives will in coming weeks join the railway network that links South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Zambia and which is the main trade route of all three states.

The deployment of an additional 26 locomotives on the line would considerably relieve Zimbabwe's hard-pressed railways.

At present about 130 locomotives are in service at any one time, slightly more than half the number required to keep up with available exports and necessary imports at this time of year.

Recently, 38 days of exports had accumulated at Dabuka rail siding in Gwelo, the country's main railhead. A Rail Priorities Committee meets every two weeks to allocate space for exports in rail carriages on the basis of earning potential.

Some months ago South Africa expressed a willingness through unofficial channels to provide assistance, but that was conditional on Zimbabwe sending a minister to Pretoria "cap in hand" — as a government minister here put it.

That position has now apparently softened, although official sources here are reluctant to say so in as many words for fear that the South Africans will back out of what is understood to be an agreement in principle.

South African rail officials have so far signed to provide six locomotives on loan to

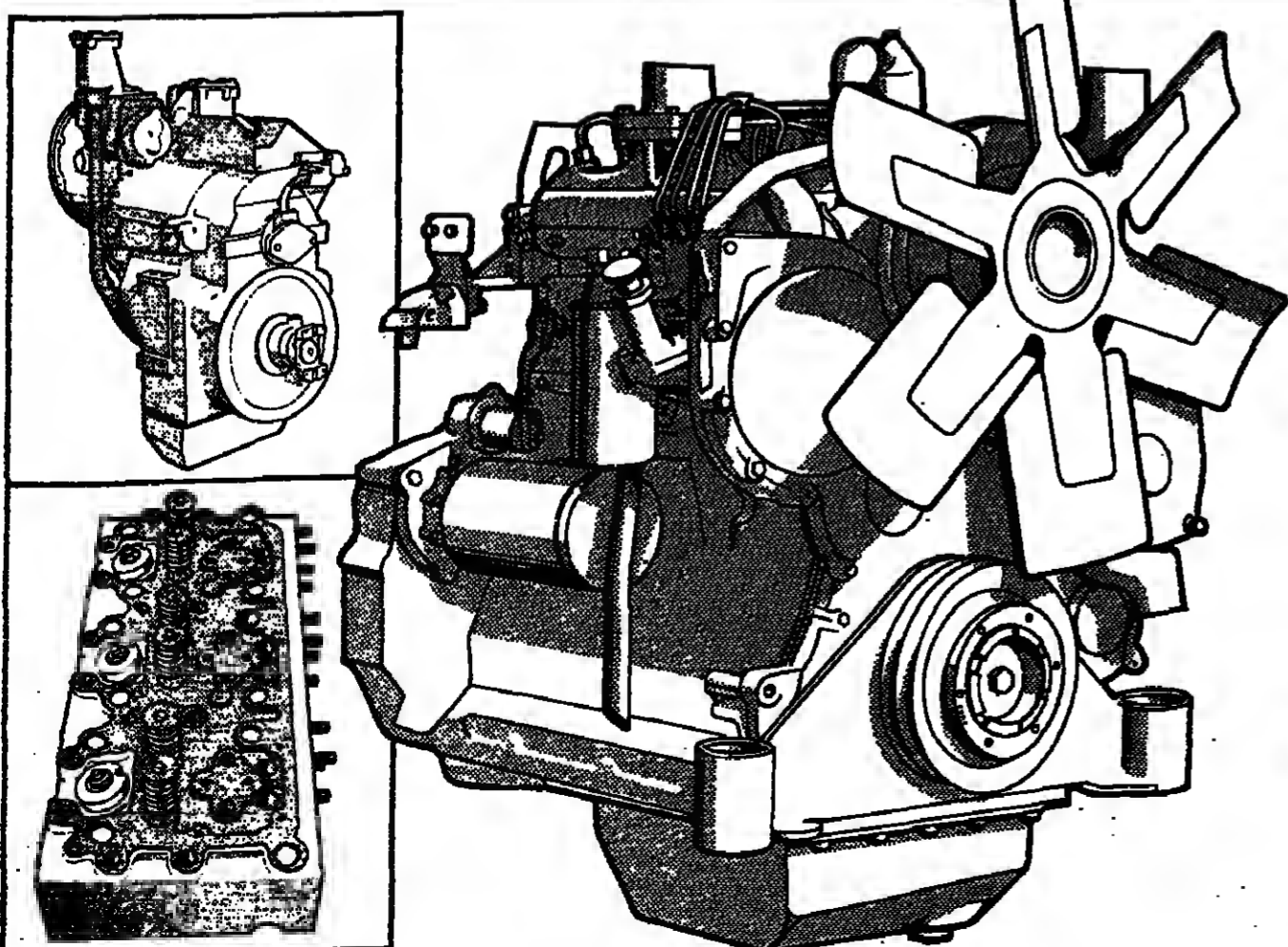
Botswana and 10 in Zambia. That is on the basis of requests by rail authorities in those two countries, although nobody involved in the discussions has been under any illusions about the main beneficiary of the loan.

Top Zimbabwean civil servants have been involved in the discussions which have been going on for some weeks and were interrupted once when — piqued by undiplomatic utterances here — the South Africans broke off negotiations.

There is optimism that the remaining element in the package, which is understood to involve the loan of 10 locomotives directly to Zimbabwe, will go ahead.

The 16 locomotives on loan to Botswana and Zambia have started to come into service at the rate of two a week. With exports building up at Gwelo for shipment there will be heavy demand for space. Products which have been particularly affected in recent months are steel, coal and sugar and these are likely to be given priority in any increase in allocations.

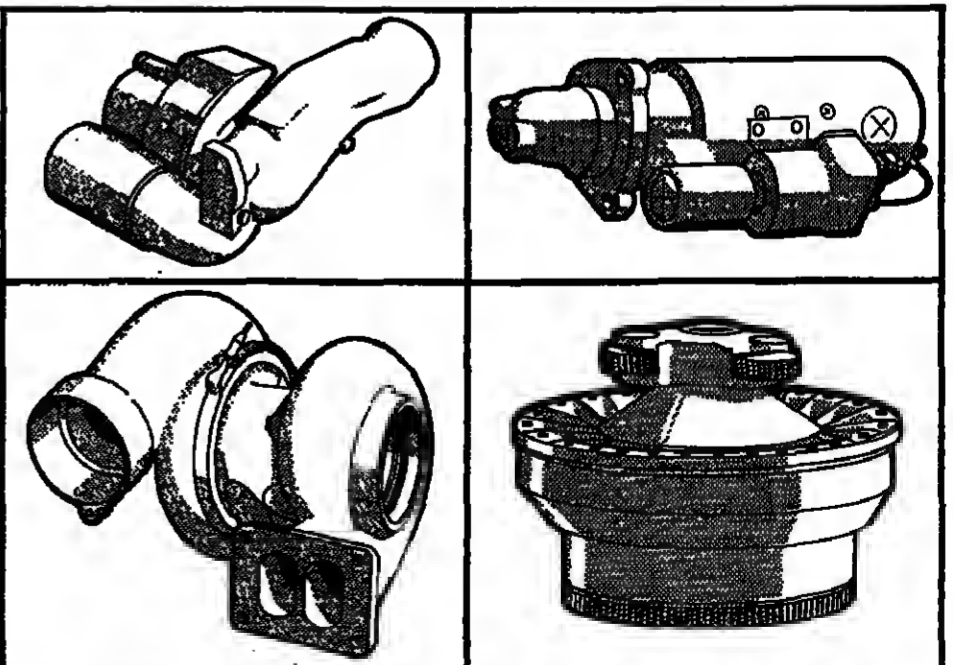
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39 freed from Pretoria prison

5 Seychelles raiders bailed out

PRETORIA, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — Veteran mercenary Col. "Mad Mike" Hoare and four other men, facing possible death sentences following an attempted coup in the Seychelles, were released on bail Wednesday by a South African court.

stood in the dock of the tiny Pretoria magistrate's court which was packed with spectators and newsmen. No charge was read out, but according to the official documents seen in court the five are charged with kidnapping. South African law lays down no maximum sentence for the offence and legal experts said the five could be sentenced to death if found guilty.

stood impassively with his hands behind his back until magistrate Cornelius van Legerberg asked him if he understood the conditions of his 10,000 rand (\$10,400) bail. Slim, grey-bearded and wearing a monocle, Hoare answered "Yes sir" and said he could put the money up immediately.

Police and legal sources said the five could face further charges apart from kidnapping when the court reconvenes. Some of the 39 released might also face charges later, while others would appear as witnesses.

Tullio Moneta, 42, an Italian born South African, Peter Duffy, 40, a free-lance news photographer with a British passport who has lived in Durban for years, Ken Dalgleish, a 32-year-old Briton, and Charles Goatley, 27, from Zimbabwe, were lined up alongside Hoare. Friends in court said Moneta was a smalltime movie actor.

Meanwhile, Seychelles security forces have captured five mercenaries involved in last week's abortive invasion, and were hunting for three others. President Albert Rene said in Victoria Wednesday.

Famine feared in N. Uganda

NAIROBI, Dec. 2 (AFP) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has expressed fears over reports of growing food shortages in northern Uganda, which may require resumption of emergency food relief.

In statement here, it cited Dodoth county, at the northern end of Karamoja district, where low yields of grain planted in the spring have left many villages with only a few weeks' food, according to government officials in the area. The August-September harvest, estimated at 2,000 tons, was enough for only 100 days and would run out before the end of the year, the statement said Tuesday.

UNICEF's fears are based on reports by the nutritional surveillance network, which was set up last September by the Ministry of Health, UNICEF and voluntary organizations at feeding centers in Karamoja to give early warning of deteriorating conditions among children.

According to the reports, the statement said, the number of malnourished children appearing for the first time at the feeding centers has begun to rise, a sign that hunger has returned to the population as a whole.

A major famine hit the Karamoja region of Uganda last year, during which thousands of people starved to death.

For mid-March mission Columbia crewmen named

By Jeannette Garrett Houston Bureau HOUSTON, Dec. 2 — The space shuttle Columbia, which is expected to take off on its seven-day third mission in mid-March 1982, is back at the Kennedy Space Center. Its No. 11 fuel cell is being removed before being returned to the manufacturer to determine the cause of the failure which cut short the shuttle's second flight.

In their first news conference since returning from the abbreviated mission astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly Monday not only answered questions about the flight, but ended speculation about who would fly the third Columbia mission.

Engle and Truly had been asked when they might fly the spacecraft again, considering there are more than 40 astronauts waiting to fly. "Sooner than they'd like and later than we'd like," Truly responded.

The next two men to fly Columbia will be Jack R. Lousma and C. Gordon Fullerton, both 45. Lousma spent 60 days in space on NASA's third Skylab mission in 1973 and Fullerton was co-pilot of the space shuttle Enterprise during initial testing in 1977. The two joined the STS-2 crew at the end of the conference to accept a gold-painted "key" to the spacecraft.

Originally scheduled to be a 5-day, 84-orbit flight, Columbia's second mission ran into trouble as early as two and a half hours after lift-off on Nov. 12. A fuel cell, used to generate electricity for the craft, failed, cut-

ting short the mission by three days. Admitting that he and Truly were "to a certain degree disappointed", when they got the news they'd have to return early, Engle said. "I think if we made a mistake, it was in naming the mission a minimum mission instead of a maximum accomplishment." As the results of the flight came in, Engle said, he became "more and more proud of what we've accomplished in those two days than I think I ever realized was possible."

As Lousma and Fullerton prepare for what will be Columbia's third flight next year — one which may include a space walk — Engle and Truly are still looking forward to another flight themselves. "As far as Joe and I are concerned," Truly said, "we wanted to fly five days and we only got to fly a little over two. So we feel like the system owes us three days."

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Angola refinery blaze dying down

LISBON, Dec. 2 (R) — A fire at Angola's only oil refinery was dying down Wednesday after the most spectacular act of sabotage in Luanda since the country's independence in 1975. Western diplomats in Luanda, contacted by telephone from Lisbon, said firemen had the blaze at the Belgian-operated refinery under control.

The Angolan government accused South Africa of being responsible for Monday's attack, in which part of the refinery was blown up, and said it had been carried out by a sabotage squad of white mercenaries, some of whom were killed.

South Africa denied any involvement in the attack and in Lisbon, the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), which, with South African support, has been fighting Luanda's Marxist regime for the last six years, said the refinery fire was the work of its guerrillas.

By blowing up part of the refinery, the Luanda government's opponents struck at the nerve center of the country's war-ravaged economy. Oil exports account for 80 percent of Angola's foreign exchange earnings and are handled entirely by Western companies.

The government statement Tuesday said the saboteurs were trying to cut off oil supplies to Angolan troops fighting the South African Army in the south of the country.

BRIEFS TOKYO, (AFP) — A strong earthquake measuring 6.6 on the Richter Scale shook the Pacific coast of northern Japan Wednesday, the Meteorological Agency reported. There was no immediate report of damage or casualties but several trains were halted when the tremor occurred at 3:25 p.m. (0625 GMT).

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — Firemen battled an enormous blaze in a timber yard in the Johannesburg suburb of Germiston Tuesday night. Eyewitnesses said the outbreak was preceded by a number of explosions, but police ruled out sabotage.

DAKAR, (AFP) — Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua had talks here Tuesday with Senegalese President Abdou Diouf, Prime Minister Habib Thiam and Foreign Minister Mustapha Niazze.

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# Schmidt, Honecker to meet in E. Germany

BONN, Dec. 2 (Agencies) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker will meet in East Germany from Dec. 11 to 13, a Bonn government spokesman said Wednesday.

The previously postponed East German-West German summit comes two weeks after Soviet Leonid Brezhnev's November visit to Bonn and prior to Schmidt's Dec. 18 vacation in the United States during which he also plans to meet with President Ronald Reagan.

Schmidt and Honecker were to meet last year, but the talks were called off because of unease over the labor crisis in Poland.

Spokesman Kurt Becker said Honecker invited Schmidt to a government hunting lodge at Lake Werbellin, a sparsely populated area just north of Berlin.

The chancellor will be accompanied by Egon Franke, his minister for all-German affairs, and by Otto Lambsdorff, minister of economics, Becker said. During their three-day visit, Becker said Schmidt also plans a visit to the nearby town of Guestrow where he hopes to get a chance of meeting with East

German citizens.

As Becker announced the forthcoming meeting in Bonn, the official East Berlin news agency ADN ran one paragraph, reading: "At the invitation of the secretary-general of the central committee of the SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) and chairman of the state council of the GDR (German Democratic Republic), Erich Honecker, the federal chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, Helmut Schmidt, arrives Dec. 11, 1981, for a visit to the German Democratic Republic."

The meeting will be the first of its kind since Chancellor Willy Brandt and East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph met twice in 1970 in the early days of East-West detente.

The 1970 meetings between Brandt and Stoph led to normalized relations between the two states after a generation of postwar hostility. The East German official Communist daily *Neues Deutschland* said of that meeting that it was a sign of realism and constructive politics that representatives of states of different political systems could discuss international problems together.

# U.K. TV viewing costs more

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Britons pay more for their year's television viewing starting Wednesday. Home Secretary William Whitelaw told the House of Commons Tuesday he is raising the state license fee, which funds television and radio services of the British Broadcasting Corp., for the nation's 18.6 million people with TV receivers.

Commercial television companies, whose programs can be seen on the same receivers,

get none of the tax and are funded by advertising. There is no tax on radio receivers.

The new charges are 46 pounds (\$87.40) annually for color receivers — up 12 pounds (\$22.80) and 15 pounds (\$28.50) for black and white — up 3 pounds (\$5.70). Whitelaw said the new rates will run at least three years.

The change put Britain in eighth place for the cost of a color television license among 13 West European countries.

# Report on N-war survival Elderly Americans angered

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AFP) — A federally financed report on surviving a nuclear war dropped like a bomb on an American "senior citizens" conference being held here this week, and the fallout was still heating the atmosphere Tuesday.

One of the report's suggestions was that elderly survivors, rather than young people, would emerge first from shelters to carry out priority tasks involving dangerously high radiation levels.

"Absolutely revolting, genocidal," stormed Maggie Kuhn, leader of the Gray Panthers, a major movement representing the aged in the United States. She addressed a news conference Tuesday after release of the report by two Oak Ridge National Laboratory scientists, whose project was financed by the federal Department of Energy.

The authors, interviewed later, said their conclusions did not necessarily represent an

official point of view, and insisted they were not suggesting that old people should be sacrificed to protect the young. They said their study showed that malignant growths developed more slowly after the age of 40 and that they were talking about "how to lower cancer deaths after a nuclear war."

"We want to keep everybody's exposure (to radiation) as low as possible, and are not suggesting that older people be sent out to take all the radiation doses," the scientists protested.

Anti-nuclear representatives at the Gray Panthers' news conference said that what they found most objectionable in the report was official thinking along the line that the United States could win and survive a nuclear war.

Narjuna Makhijani of the National Hiroshima-Nagasaki Committee said the official view was far too optimistic.

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# Move against B-1 rejected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — The U.S. administration has scored a preliminary victory in its fight for the B-1 bomber as the Senate rejected a move by opponents to divert \$220 million from funds for the plane to build flying tankers.

By a margin of 55-38, the lawmakers Tuesday turned down an amendment by Sen. Carl Levin, Democrat-Michigan, to add \$220 million for four additional KC-10 tankers to a \$208.5 billion military spending bill.

"This is the beginning now of the B-1 battle," said Sen. Ted Stevens, Republican-Alaska, chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Levin, although saying, "this has got nothing to do with a B-1 vote," told the Senate he would offer a series of similar additions to the budget and then follow up with an amendment to cut a similar amount from appropriations for the long-range bomber.

Senate approval of the bill is expected Wednesday, sending it to a conference committee to work out differences with a House of Representatives version that is \$11.1 billion smaller.

By a 51-29 margin Monday, the Senate approved \$91 million to begin reactivating the *USS Iowa*, a World War II battleship that was retired in 1958. The teak-decked ship is

now moth-balled at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The bill includes roughly \$471 million for B-1 bombers and \$2 billion for building MX missiles and reinforcing existing missile silos to hold them.

The House already has approved \$88 million for the Iowa, so the Senate action apparently clears the way for approval of the battleship's reactivation by House-Senate conferees who will write the final bill. Both bills also contain \$237 million for work on another retired battleship, the *USS New Jersey*.

# Boy, 2, receives kidney

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 2 (AFP) — A two-year-old boy has become probably the youngest kidney transplant patient in the world. Shaun Grobbelaar, who shortly after he was born was given only a few months to live, received a kidney from his mother Louise in an operation at the Johannesburg hospital on Nov. 23.

Mrs Grobbelaar, who was discharged from the hospital Saturday, said Wednesday that her son was still receiving large doses of cortisone and other drugs but his appetite had improved noticeably.

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| 3.        | MEAT LOAF                   | DEAD RANGER               |
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| 5.        | BOB DYLAN                   | SHOT OF LOVE              |
| 6.        | BOB SEGAR                   | NINE TONIGHT              |
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| 10.       | PAT. BENATAR                | PRECIOUS TIME             |
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| 3.        | 4         | CAN YOU MOVE         | MODERN ROMANCE     |
| 4.        | 3         | MENERGY              | PATRICK COWLEY     |
| 5.        | 2         | DO YOU LOVE ME       | PATTI AUSTIN       |
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| 7.        | 18        | HAPPY DAYS           | NORTHEND           |
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| 9.        | 12        | YOU CAN              | MADLEEN KANE       |
| 10.       | 10        | NO BODY ELSE         | KAREN SILVER       |
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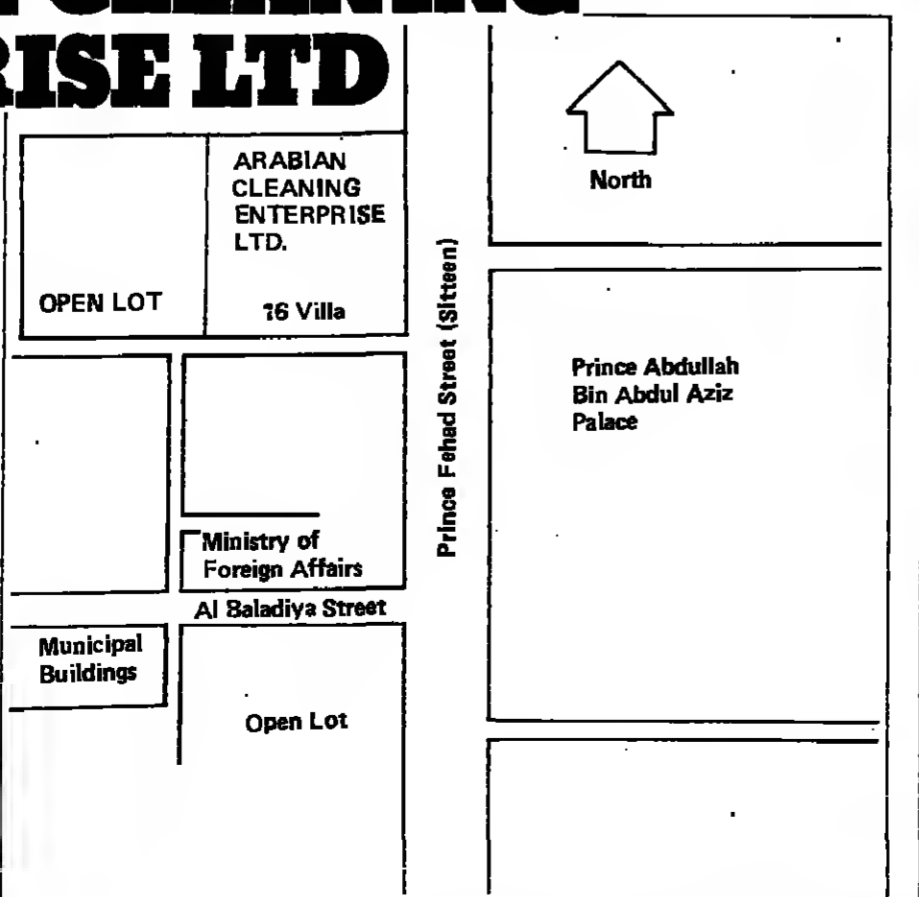
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**Despite criticism**

# Santa Fe shareholders OK Kuwait takeover

ALHAMBRA, California, Dec. 2 (AP) — Shareholders of Santa Fe International Corp. overwhelmingly approved the \$2.5-billion acquisition of their company Tuesday by Kuwait Petroleum Corp.

About 98 percent of the 35.7 million shares voted were cast in favor of the acquisition, Santa Fe Senior Vice President James Ukropina told an overflow crowd of more than 300 shareholders during a special meeting at the company's headquarters.

Santa Fe, a major supplier of drilling equipment which also has oil reserves in the United States and the North Sea, has 49 million shares outstanding. About 73 percent of the outstanding shares were voted.

The deal has come under fire from a number of quarters, including U.S. congressional critics who fear it poses a threat to

national security and others who claim foreign investors reaped unfair stock profits through advance knowledge of the offer. No officer of Santa Fe has been accused of insider trading.

The acquisition was defended by Santa Fe Chairman E. L. Hannon, who said it would bring needed capital into the American economy. Shannon also disclosed that Kuwait Petroleum plans to spend \$1 billion on oil and gas exploration within the U.S.

One shareholder asked Shannon if the \$51-a-share offer by Kuwait Petroleum was the best deal the company could have made in light of other oil company merger taking place in recent months. Santa Fe's stock has doubled since the Kuwait offer and the question provoked widespread laughter. Shannon, after waiting for the laughter to subside, responded "yes".

Shannon said Santa Fe and Kuwait Petroleum have provided the Justice Department with all requested material relating to merger and have asked for an early termination of the 20-day period which the agency has to review the documents. If the request is granted, the merger could be completed as early as Friday, he said.

Ukropina also responded to allegations that the merger posed a threat to national security because of foreign ownership of a Santa Fe subsidiary, C.F. Braun, Inc., which has a contract involving a nuclear research site. He noted that the Department of Energy has jurisdiction over the nuclear project and said Santa Fe has agreed to set up a "satisfactory shield" between the new owners of the company and the C.F. Braun project, which he said involved only the design of buildings at the Hanford, Washington, site and not nuclear weapons research.

# Botswana plans railway across desert

GABORONE, Dec. 2 (AFP) — Botswana is to build a railway line across the Kalahari desert in a project taking ten years and costing about \$10 billion, President Quett Masire said here.

The line across the arid and inhospitable desert will give landlocked Botswana access to Zimbabwe, Zambia, Zaire and the port of Walvis Bay in Namibia.

Experts said the project was one of the largest and most difficult ever undertaken in Africa, and inflation threatened to push the cost well above present estimates.

Masire said there were plans to ask international institutions such as the World Bank to accumulate the necessary capital and try to form a consortium.

The president said Botswana needed an opening to the Atlantic to diversify its access to foreign ports and develop its central regions. The regions, which the line will cross, are very rich in coal, and the international oil company Shell already has mining rights there.

Masire said the future status of Walvis Bay, which South Africa wants to retain after Namibian independence, was not an issue.

# U.S. Steel defers action on 'dumping'

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 2 (AFP) — The top steelmaking group in this country, U.S. Steel, has decided to wait a while before lodging formal complaints against foreign steel producers, group executives said here.

The delay stemmed from a request by federal authorities who wish first to discuss imports with U.S. Steel this week, they said. The group affirms that some European and other foreign producers are exporting to the United States with the help of subsidies or at "dumping" prices.

On Nov. 23 the Department of Commerce took action against certain European producers. Some industry observers believed the department was trying to head off some of the pressure for the American steel industry for restrictions on steel arrivals in the United States.

These observers believed that, if American manufacturers lodged "an avalanche" of complaints, the Commerce Department may decide to suspend the trigger price mechanism under which threshold prices are applied to imported steel. It did this last year under similar circumstances.

U.S. Steel Corporation recently made a takeover bid for Marathon Oil worth \$6.3 billion. Marathon is the number 17 oil company in the United States. In the light of the high bid figure, some commentators have suggested that U.S. Steel cannot be suffering too badly from the foreign steel in flow.

# Cash squeeze hits industry U.S. car output nosedives

DETROIT, Dec. 2 (R) — The big three U.S. car makers reported that production dropped sharply in November.

General Motors said Tuesday its November output declined from 333,491 cars a year ago to 288,698 this year. Ford said output fell from 124,406 to 70,764 and Chrysler reported a drop from 71,404 to 42,544.

A U.S. Commerce Department report said earlier that the makers were caught in a severe cash flow squeeze which would probably not ease until late next year. The report said the big three plus American Motors had only \$300 million in working capital as of Oct. 1, compared with \$13 billion at the end of 1978.

The report submitted to a Senate Finance Subcommittee hearing into Japanese car imports was expected to provoke more demands for protection for the domestic industry. The department said it would be difficult for the domestic industry to ever again reach the high profit and sales of past decades.

It pointed to preference for imported small cars and reduced overall demand owing to high interest rates and current U.S. economic recession as reasons for the pessimistic outlook.

The report submitted to the Senate did not break down the cash flow figures by company.

The chairman of the Senate Subcommittee, John Danforth, forecast an overall trade deficit of more than \$40 billion this year, up from \$36 billion last year, with Japan accounting for \$15 billion of the total.

Under intense administration pressure, Japan announced in May it was voluntarily restraining car exports to the United States to 1.68 million cars this year — an expected 16.8 percent penetration of the U.S. market at the time.

But deputy U.S. Trade Representative David MacDonald told the Senators that even with restraints the Japanese could capture 19.3 percent of the American market this year. The Commerce Department's latest forecast for 1982 sales — 9 to 9.5 million cars is clouded by uncertainty over the duration of the recession.

Imports, according to the government, are expected to account for 2.3 million to 2.4 million cars of that total. The department said the "severe cash flow pressures" facing the American car industry would ease when the U.S. recovered from the economic slump, but the future was still not rosy.

# Kabul trade surplus hits \$94 m mark

NEW DELHI, Dec. 2 (R) — Afghanistan increased its exports and had a trade surplus in the first half of its current fiscal year, despite undiminished armed opposition to the Soviet-backed government from Muslim fighters, diplomatic sources said here Wednesday.

The freedom fighters frequently attack highways and disrupt goods traffic following the Soviet intervention two years ago.

The sources said that according to a half-yearly report on the economy published by the government, exports rose to \$320.6 million in the first half of the fiscal year that began last March 21, against \$272.3 million in the same period, last year. Imports totaled \$226.4 million giving a trade surplus of \$94.2 million.

The report said exports and imports would have been higher had it not been for transport difficulties — an indirect admission that the security situation was affecting trade. It also confirmed that the Soviet Union was paying a higher price for imported natural gas from Afghanistan. In the first quarter of the fiscal year, Afghanistan's gas exports to the Soviet Union were up 43 percent in value over last year.

# N. Zealand deficit rises

WELLINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — New Zealand had a balance of payments deficit of New Zealand \$950 million in the year ended Oct. 31, compared with a deficit of New Zealand \$15 million in 1980 and a deficit New Zealand \$550 million in the year ended 1979, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand announced Tuesday. The bank comments that export receipts in the October year increased by 19 percent while import payments rose by 14 percent.

# Italy acts to woo back tourists

RIMINI, Dec. 2 (AP) — In an effort to win back West German and other foreign tourists, hotel owners in this Adriatic sea resort are offering free insurance to protect vacationers against muggers and pickpockets.

The policies will provide up to \$400 above existing insurance for thefts inside the hotels. "We want tourists to feel safe and guaranteed inside and outside our hotels," said Guido Desio, chairman of the Hotel Association of Rimini, a popular resort which housed 700,000 vacationers from June through August this year.

Italy suffered a severe slump in foreign tourists, especially West Germans, last summer as a result of rising prices and fears triggered by terrorism and crime.

# E. German industry faces fuel cuts

EAST BERLIN, Dec. 2 (R) — East German industry faces cuts in fuel supplies next year, possibly because of reduced deliveries from the Soviet Union, informed sources have said.

The East German sources said industry is already under strict instructions to conserve as much fuel as possible but could have to cope with cuts of up to 40 percent in fuel supplies to sectors considered non-essential. These would be sectors that do not produce goods exportable for hard currency.

Diplomats said they had heard reports in diplomatic circles that the Soviet Union intended to cut its oil supplies to East Germany by more than 10 percent in 1982.

Soviet oil supplies to East Germany increased every year until 1980 when it was announced they would be frozen at 19 million tons for the next five years.

The supply freeze suggested at the time to Western oil company executives that a rise in oil output by the Soviet Union, the world's biggest producer, was leveling off.

The diplomatic sources had no explanation

# Tough EEC stand on textiles urged

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AFP) — The European Economic Community (EEC) should harden its negotiating stance for renewing the multifiber arrangement (MFA), Britain's Textile Industry Confederation said Wednesday.

"The community's position at present falls far short of the British government's declared aim of a tough and effective successor to the MFA," it noted.

Unless the government fought for a tougher EEC mandate at the EEC ministerial meeting in Brussels on Dec. 7 and 8, there would be "very serious consequences" for the British textile sector and the economy as a whole.

Most EEC import quotas were too high. If the new MFA quotas are based on existing quotas, instead of the figures for 1980, imports could soar between now and 1986, the confederation said.

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U.S. sets air fleet cost at \$25b

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Pentagon estimated Tuesday it could cost between \$25 billion and \$28 billion to build, operate and maintain a fleet of new transport planes to carry heavy weapons to distant places like the Arabian Gulf.

The estimate was produced after Dr. Richard Delauer, the Pentagon's research chief, told reporters the U.S. Air Force is evaluating three possible aircraft — the Lockheed C-5 military transport, the Boeing 747 and a proposed new C-17 — to determine which would be most acceptable from a military utility and cost standpoint.

Romania may avert Polish-type crisis

BUCHAREST, Dec. 2 (R) — Romania may be able to avoid a Poland-style crisis over its Western debt repayments this year but only at the price of continued difficulties through the first half of 1982, Western economic experts here say.

BL plant strike takes new turn

BIRMINGHAM, Dec. 2 (R) — Lorry drivers Tuesday cut off vital supplies to British Leyland's (BL) biggest car plant by refusing to cross picket lines of striking workers besieging the factory.

A three-week-old dispute over rest breaks has halted car production at the ailing state-owned company's Longbridge plant in this Midlands city, laying off 6,000 workers and costing BL 70 million sterling (\$130 million). The dispute is over management's decision to cut daily rest breaks by 11 minutes from 51 to 40 minutes.

decided by top Pentagon officials is whether the lower cost to buy either a military version of the Boeing 747 or reopening the C-5 production line is enough to justify their lesser military capability when compared with the C-17.

Moi opens \$110 million dam

MASINGA, Kenya, Dec. 2 (AFP) Kenya Wednesday opened a major hydroelectric dam, built with West European aid and designed to avert further crises like the crippling power cuts of 1980.

Egypt ups price of petrol 20%

CAIRO, Dec. 2 (R) — Prices of petrol, butane gas, kerosene and other oil products for private industry in Egypt have been increased by 20 percent, the Egyptian oil ministry said Wednesday.

U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP) — Stock prices opened mixed Wednesday as investors continued to evaluate whether the U.S. recession could worsen.

military standards being applied. "Now, in cost, it's just the other way around," Delauer said.

Panama raps U.S. on canal issue

PANAMA, Dec. 2 (AFP) — A resolution by the Panamanian government denouncing violations of the Panama Canal Treaty and calling on the United States to respect its terms, was approved here Tuesday by 23 countries at the first consultative meeting of the Latin American Economic System (LAES).

London commodities

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Mitterrand, Benjedid end gas deadlock

PARIS, Dec. 2 (AP) — After more than a year of negotiations, France and Algeria have reached a tentative agreement on the price Algeria will charge for its liquefied natural gas, the French government announced Wednesday.

Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, (AFP) — Volvo said it will take over the Hertz car rental operation in Sweden early next year. It will still use the name Hertz, whose computerized international reservations network will continue to be used.

Dollar chalks up more gains

JEDDAH, Dec. 2 — The revival of the American currency continued Wednesday with major gains registered against the other European currencies, including the yen which had seemed impregnable during the past week.

London commodities

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their present decline. Other, however, were not so optimistic, pointing out the rapid dollar falls that occurred on Monday and which still seemed to reflect on going market nervousness about the American currency.

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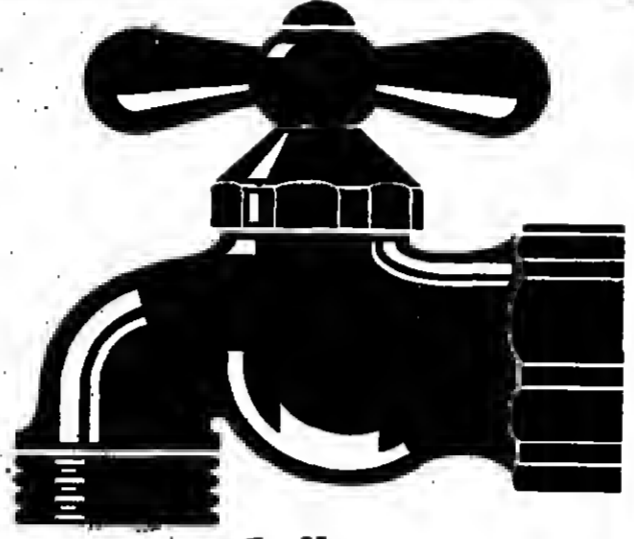
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